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Addendum

Summary

The present addendum contains proposals by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Working Group on Indigenous Populations of activities to be implemented during the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People. As these submissions were received after the deadline, they are reproduced below in their entirety.

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Second International Decade on the World's Indigenous People: activities in the framework of the mandate and programme of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

(a) International level

1. Adoption of the draft United Nations declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples early in the Second Decade and the preparation of a commentary on implementation.

2. Consideration to be given to the elaboration of a binding United Nations instrument to protect indigenous peoples' rights before the end of the Second Decade.

3. Further elaboration and publication of human rights standards, guidelines, principles and commentaries on issues relating to indigenous peoples, including policy guidance to promote a human rights approach to development within the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations.

4. Continuation of efforts by international human rights treaty monitoring bodies and thematic and country-specific human rights mechanisms to address questions relating to indigenous peoples within their mandates, including analysis of emerging jurisprudence pertaining to indigenous peoples' rights.

5. Continuation and strengthening of the Indigenous Fellowship Programme and other human right training activities, including the development of training materials.

6. Action-oriented research and analysis and expert seminars on human rights challenges affecting indigenous peoples.

7. Strengthening of capacity to respond to situations of emergency and questions of peace and security affecting indigenous peoples.

(b) Regional level

8. Strengthening cooperation, including through regional meetings, between international and regional human rights mechanisms to promote and protect the rights of indigenous peoples, in particular in the Americas, Africa and the Asia and the Pacific regions.

(c) National level

9. Further development of activities, in cooperation with States, United Nations country offices and indigenous peoples, to contribute to improvements in the human rights situation of indigenous peoples, including through the inclusion of indigenous components in national human rights plans.

10. Development of specific activities to follow up recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people, treaty bodies and other human rights mechanisms at the country level.

11. Expansion of the Hurist Human Rights Strengthening Programme, implemented by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the United Nations Development Programme, aimed at creating national partnerships for dialogue and facilitating indigenous peoples' participation in United Nations development assistance at the country level.

12. Strengthening cooperation with national human rights institutions to promote indigenous peoples' rights.

Activities recommended by the Working Group on Indigenous Populations for possible inclusion in the programme of action, submitted to the Coordinator of the Second Decade through the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in compliance with Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/49

(a) International level

1. Adoption by the General Assembly of the draft United Nations declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples at the earliest possible date.

2. Continuation and strengthening of the Indigenous Fellowship Programme.

3. Securing the regular monitoring of the situation of the rights of indigenous peoples by the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people, as well as by other special procedures of the Commission on Human Rights within their respective mandates and by the United Nations treaty bodies.

4. Continuous promotion of a human rights approach to development throughout the United Nations system and other international and regional governmental organizations.

5. Ample diffusion of the standards, guidelines, principles and general comments issued by United Nations treaty bodies on issues relating to the rights of indigenous peoples, including their human rights.

6. The holding of at least one annual action-oriented expert seminar on issues which adversely affect or may adversely affect the situation of indigenous peoples in plural societies.

7. The holding in 2007, in celebration of 25 years of the presence of indigenous peoples at the United Nations, of an expert seminar to identify the progress made during this period as well as the still-unresolved challenges faced by them.

(b) Regional level

8. Continuous promotion and strengthening of the cooperation between the United Nations bodies and regional human rights mechanisms dealing with the rights of indigenous peoples.

(c) National level

9. Continuous promotion of activities intended to ensure the full compliance by States with the responsibility accepted when adopting by consensus the Declaration and Programme of Action of the 1993 World Conference on Human Rights to ensure the full and free participation of indigenous peoples in all aspects of society, in particular in matters of concern to them.

10. Continuous support for the activities included in the national programme of action for the Second Decade, which should be drafted, approved and implemented by all Member States with the full participation of the indigenous peoples living in their territories.